

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 81

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ernest Pounds of
Bradford writer of, *The Early History of Gibson
County, Tennessee and Its Communities*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should honor those
exemplary citizens who contribute significantly to Tennessee's diverse and dynamic culture; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Pounds of Bradford is one such estimable individual who has worked
assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pounds, a former teacher and local historian, has written a new book,
The Early History of Gibson County, Tennessee and Its Communities; and

WHEREAS, the 336-page hardbound book, which is Mr. Pounds's fifth book on local
history, covers the history of the Gibson County region before it was a county, focusing primarily
on its history prior to 1850; and

WHEREAS, the book includes a fifteen-page chapter on the land swap between Gibson
and Weakley counties in 1837, information on the early histories of Gibson County's ten
incorporated towns and over sixty unincorporated communities, and a copy of the last letter that
David Crockett ever sent, which was written in January of 1836 and sent to his daughter,
Margaret, who lived in the China Grove community in Gibson County; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Pounds is a lifelong resident of the Bradford-Skullbone area; he
served as a teacher for nearly forty years and, for twelve years, stood as a member of the
Gibson County Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pounds's previous four books also delved into local history. Those
books are titled: *A History of North Gibson*, *A Pictorial History of Kimball (Later To Be Called*

'Bradford, Tennessee'), Tennessee's Last Kingdom, A History of the Kingdom of Skullbonia, and Bradford, Tennessee: Doodle Soup Capital of the World; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Pounds received a Certificate of Merit from the Tennessee Historical Commission for *A History of North Gibson*, and, in 2004, the Historical Commission presented Mr. Pounds with the Sequoya Award for Literacy as one of two outstanding adult education teachers in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished author's new book will be available for purchase in March of 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Pounds epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Pounds for his accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Ernest Pounds for his unwavering dedication to his community and the State of Tennessee and its citizens, applaud his publishing of *The Early History of Gibson County, Tennessee and Its Communities*, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.